

from Dr. Curran
Northumberland House, March
25. 1778

Sir,

Nothing but a very dangerous Thief.
in a person with whom I am ~~very~~
nearly connected, & for whose
sake I am exceedingly anxious
could have made me guilty of
such apparent incivility, as to
remain silent so long after having
received the honour of your
very grateful Letter & been
favour'd with the communication
of Pieces so truly acceptable
as are contained in your
valuable Manuscript. I have
hardly leisure or a disposition

of mind sufficiently disengaged from
anxiety to relish so much as
I shall do hereafter ^{the songs, the Criticism} ~~but the~~
Pieces & your learned & in-
genious Notes: In my last Edition
of the Reliques, I had inserted
a Passage from Alp Spotswood's
Hist. of the Church of Scotland
which much illustrates the
Bakad of Edom or Adam o'
Gordon. (vid. Spotsw. p. 259.) But
your Quotation from Crawford's
Memoir is still more satisfactory
as it accounts for the Name of
Capt. Carr, w^h occurs in some

Copies: Pray can you account for
Carver being styled the ^{or} Lord of
"Wetherston Town", the Lady's Castle
being called "Bilton's Borough" or
"Diactons's Borough" as I find them
in an old MS.

I must be so ingenuous as to
confess that I think the 2^d Part
of Hardyknute hardly equal to
the first. Perhaps a further
inquiring among the Reciters in
Lancashire, may produce
some improvements: However
with your permission, I shall
certainly insert it & the other
new pieces, whenever I give
an additional Volume & in

the meantime must be allowed to
acknowledge myself

Sir

Your most obliged
Humble Servant

Tho: Perry

PS

You have limited no time for
the return of your MS: whenever
you wish to have it restored
I will beg the favour to have
notice some time before hand, for
fear I sh.^{not} at sudden warning
have leisure to make the full
use of it, you are so good as to
attend I sh.